



## T Levels news and insights



### Dear Provider,

We hope you are keeping well during this time. Thank you for your continued input and support, it is greatly appreciated and we hope you're having a pleasant summer, even if it isn't as you had planned.

It has been another busy quarter for us here at City & Guilds and EAL. We are pleased to share that we have successfully met the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IATE) requirements for the second milestone. We are now working hard towards the next milestone submission and on the Technical Qualification (TQ) development as part of our T Level delivery for September 2021.

Since our last update in May, we have published the updated draft TQ specifications that were produced for milestone 2. Please note that these are subject to change, they provide a good indication of the content for On-Site Construction and BSE. You can access the updated draft version of the specifications from our [T Levels webpage](#).

[Access specifications here](#)

### Technical Qualification (TQ) development update

TQ development continues to progress at pace and after completing the submission of materials for milestone 2 the development team are working on the IATE feedback in readiness for milestone 3.



Following a change in the mandatory requirements of the specialisms in the BSE pathway all specialisms are under further review and revised guided learning hours are being developed in conjunction with updated content and the new requirements.

A number of validation events with employers and providers on both content and assessments have taken place throughout July. These will continue over the coming weeks as we finalise these materials to ensure the content meets industry requirements.

The development team are now also producing the Guide Standard Exemplification Materials. These will be used to support and guide providers on the quality and standards expected, at both threshold competence and distinction grade boundaries.

### Your feedback is required

#### Planning and implementation survey

As always, we remain committed to developing enhanced level of support as part of the planning and implementation of the T Levels delivery. As such, we are inviting your participation in our 7 minute online survey on this topic.



[Start the survey](#)

### Employer industry board webinar

We will be hosting our very first employer industry board webinar at the end of August. The board will consist of different sized employers covering all the occupational specialism within On-Site Construction and Building Services Engineering. Its initial focus will look at signing off the TQ for Milestone 3 as well as supporting the UK government reforms by focusing on bridging the gap that exists between education and employment by preparing individuals for skilled employment.

If you wish to be part of this and help shape the future of our industry, please get in touch and further details will be shared shortly.

[Visit our employer webpage to register your interest](#)

### Supporting delivery webinars

These webinars will provide you with support to help plan your next 12 months for first teaching in September 2021.

#### Webinar 1

Date: Thursday 3 September  
Time: 14.00 - 15.30



[Register here](#)

#### Webinar 2

Date: Tuesday 8 September  
Time: 11.00 - 12.30



[Register here](#)

### Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) update

#### 1 Industry placements updates

There is revised guidance for the 2020 to 2021 academic year delivery of industry placements, capacity, and delivery fund. Because of the impact Covid-19 has had on delivery of industry placements and the ability of providers to build capacity in the second half of the 2019 to 2020 academic year, the industry placement delivery target has been reduced to 25% of qualifying students for the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

ESFA will also allow delivery across two academic years where students commence a two-year programme beginning in 2020 to 2021 and where a minimum of 50% of placements are successfully completed by the end of the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

All providers with a capacity and delivery fund allocation will receive a letter outlining their 2020 to 2021 academic year delivery targets and the required level 2 and level 3 split.

[Find out more on the ESFA website](#)

#### 2 Industry placements: new support announced

DfE guidance for employers as they prepare to host placements has now been released.

The materials provide guidance and webinars on all elements of setting-up and running high-quality industry placements and includes specific guidance on a route-by-route basis to address the requirements of a range of industries. For more information visit [employerindustryplacements.com](#).

#### 3 T Level eligible providers list

ESFA recently published an updated list of T Level providers who have been selected to deliver T Levels in academic years 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2023.

[For more information visit the website](#)

### Gatsby Foundation update

The Gatsby Foundation is working with local areas as they build coherent planning for technical education ahead of the introduction of T Levels. We are gathering feedback from these areas to share good practice from institutions working in collaboration.

Each of the local areas – Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Liverpool City Region, Sheffield City Region, and the West Midlands – are working with their providers on several key themes:

- Data analysis – using the occupational maps and labour market information to identify the priority technical education pathways and opportunities in the area
- Supporting technical education provision – bringing together route curriculum networks to plan and share CPD and curriculum development
- Employer engagement – facilitating shared approaches for industry placements, curriculum co-design and delivery
- CEIAG – bringing technical education routes into local CEIAG strategy.

To share some of the successes from these areas, and other providers as they prepare to deliver T Levels, we have launched a [new microsite area](#).

The video resources on the site highlight a range of topics, including early preparations for T Levels, industry placement case studies from employers, student and provider perspectives, and collaborative planning and delivery of staff CPD. We hope that these examples of good practice raise some useful points to consider for others also planning technical education provision and thinking about the practical requirements for delivering T Levels. We will continue to add materials to the site, so please check back, and sign up to the [Gatsby Technical Education Newsletter](#) for more updates.

### Education and Training Foundation (ETF) – T Level Professional Development

ETF is currently busy designing and developing the T Level Professional Development (TLPD) offer for the next cohort of providers, which will be available from September 2020.

The TLPD offer aims to ensure that further education and post-16 providers are T Level ready. This means ensuring that teachers, trainers, leaders and support staff have the teaching skills, subject knowledge and confidence needed to deliver high-quality courses from the outset.

The CPD will take the form of online and face-to-face modules, webinars, networks, industry placements, workshops and events. If you would like to undertake some CPD ahead of the autumn term, there are a number of teaching and training modules available on Foundation Online Learning. This includes understanding T Levels – which gives staff an insight into the implications of T Levels for their role, and will help them to advise students about T Levels and their potential benefits – as well as modules covering pedagogy, professional practice, and formative assessment, and for those in leadership roles.

If you would like to hear the latest TLPD news, including newly available resources to receive the ETF's TLPD bulletin then sign up below.

Alternatively, you can learn more about T Level Professional Development on their website.

[Sign up here](#)

[Visit the website](#)

### Your feedback is required

#### Resource survey

Hodder Education, our preferred publisher, are exploring the viability of a series of textbooks to support T Level technical qualifications in Construction and the Building Services Engineering. As such, they are keen to understand more from potential providers about their likelihood of adopting the courses from September 2021, how they might approach the qualifications and specific areas they are likely to need support. This information will help them to decide whether to proceed and, if yes, how they will structure the offer.

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.



[Start the survey](#)

### We're here to support you

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